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I agree with the opinion offered by Steve Jobs at Apple Computer.

Letting Microsoft settle by donating products to the education market is a self-serving, monopoly perpetuating act. Other companies fight hard for their competitive position in the education market. Competing against a gift is an impossible scenario. In addition, the actual cost to Microsoft for the finished goods is a fraction of the monetary value of the settlement.

For Microsoft to 3get the message² they must feel real pain as a consequence of their predatory market practices. My opinion is that funneling the settlement into the education market is good, but the settlement should be aimed at providing hard dollars into real educational needs such as teacher salaries, capital improvements, text books, lunch programs, etc.

Thank you for listening.

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